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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGIONS

	OCTOBER 1983			OCTOBER 31, 1983	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
	(Million Board Feet)				
SOFTWOOD LUMBER					
Southern Pine Region	586	625	628	506	1,390
Douglas Fir Region	676	656	642	625	1,034
Western Pine Region	764	766	768	446	1,250
California Redwood Region	138	137	122	24	357
Other Softwoods	121	122	121	233	269
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,285	2,306	2,281	1,834	4,300
% Change - September 1983	+ 1.5	+ 2.3	- 4.6	- 1.3	- 0.5
% Change - October 1982	+23.1	+14.5	+ 8.8	+10.4	+ 2.5
HARDWOOD LUMBER					
Southern Hardwood Region	314	307	325	240	695
Appalachian Hardwood Region	43	41	43	*	*
Other Hardwoods	145	141	149	151	867
TOTAL HARDWOODS	502	489	517	391	1,562
% Change - September 1983	- 0.8	- 0.6	+ 2.8	+ 7.7	+ 0.8
% Change - October 1982	+22.4	+17.5	+22.2	+25.7	-13.0
TOTAL LUMBER	2,787	2,795	2,798	2,225	5,862
% Change - September 1983	+ 1.1	+ 1.8	- 3.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
% Change - October 1982	+22.9	+15.0	+11.1	+12.8	- 2.2
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
	(Thousand Feet)				
FLOORING					
Oak Flooring Region (Board Feet)	---	9,044	---	7,339	4,766
Maple Flooring Region (Square Feet)	893	888	950	2,725	2,028
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD (Sq. Ft. 3/8" Basis)					
Total All Regions	1,837,034	1,847,363	1,748,885	378,389	355,141
% Change - September 1983	- 0.1	+ 4.4	- 4.4	-20.7	- 8.3
% Change - October 1982	+17.2	+14.7	+13.3	- 7.0	-10.2

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

	PRODUCTION				SHIPMENTS		
	Oct.'83	% Change From Sep.'83	% Change From Oct.'82		Oct.'83	% Change From Sep.'83	% Change From Oct.'82
	(Million Board Feet)				(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	6,603	- 0.3	+ 4.1	Southern Pine Reg.	7,212	+ 3.4	+ 9.6
Douglas Fir Reg.	8,202	+ 7.6	+38.8	Douglas Fir Reg.	7,825	+ 3.6	+17.4
Western Pine Reg.	8,617	+ 2.6	+28.6	Western Pine Reg.	8,729	+ 5.4	+15.7
Cal. Redwood Reg.	1,516	- 4.5	+20.2	Cal. Redwood Reg.	1,487	-12.8	+17.3
Other Softwoods	1,371	+ 1.9	+23.5	Other Softwoods	1,400	+ 2.8	+14.0
Total Softwoods	26,309	+ 2.8	+23.4	Total Softwoods	26,653	+ 3.0	+14.5
Total Hardwoods	5,326	- 7.9	+22.4	Total Hardwoods	5,418	- 5.9	+17.5
TOTAL LUMBER	31,635	+ 0.9	+23.2	TOTAL LUMBER	32,071	+ 1.4	+15.0

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

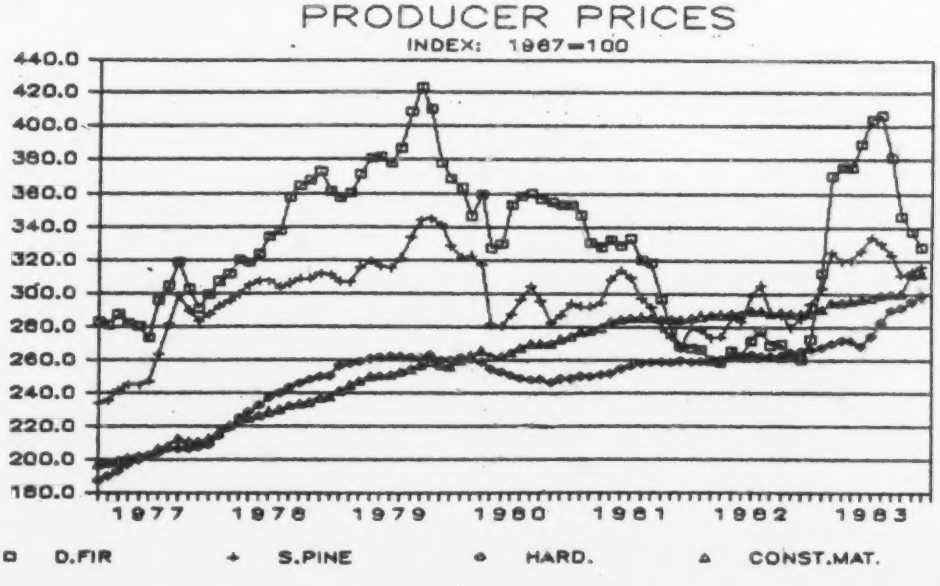
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber -- 10 mos. 1983	26,539	26,422	26,538
Total Lumber -- 10 mos. 1982	21,657	21,574	21,828
% Change	+22.5	+22.5	+21.6
Softwood Lumber -- 10 mos. 1983	21,818	21,497	21,579
Softwood Lumber -- 10 mos. 1982	17,633	17,419	17,695
% Change	+23.7	+23.4	+21.9
Hardwood Lumber -- 10 mos. 1983	4,721	4,925	4,959
Hardwood Lumber -- 10 mos. 1982	4,024	4,155	4,133
% Change	+17.3	+18.5	+20.0

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

	Oct. '83	- % Change From - Sep. '83	Oct. '82	10 mos.'83	% Change From 10 mos.'82
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	1,117.8	+ 6.2	+47.4	10,272.3	+34.1
Softwoods	1,090.9	+ 6.3	+47.0	10,056.0	+34.8
From Canada	1,087.6	+ 6.2	+46.8	10,032.6	+34.9
Other Sources	3.2	+64.2	+246.1	23.4	+ 0.1
Hardwoods	26.3	+ 5.8	+65.4	206.3	+18.2
From Canada	5.8	- 2.6	-13.3	63.8	+ 5.3
Other Sources	20.5	+ 8.4	+121.9	142.5	+25.1
Other (Not Specified)	0.7	-48.9	+31.4	10.0	-60.8
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	194.7	+ 2.8	+ 4.4	1,906.7	+12.5
Softwoods	143.1	+ 3.0	- 6.4	1,471.6	+ 7.8
Hardwoods	47.3	+ 3.3	+47.0	394.7	+31.8
Other (Not Specified)	4.2	- 8.8	+205.2	40.4	+32.7
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CANADA	58.8	+ 3.4	+66.6	567.9	+63.0

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	-% Change From-		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Oct.'83	Sep.'83	Oct.'82	10mos.'83	10mos.'82
	(Billions of Dollars)				
VALUE OF ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION					
PUT-IN-PLACE	24.7	- 4.1	+15.4	216.3	+13.2
Private	19.8	- 2.6	+20.5	174.0	+17.3
Residential	10.8	- 3.3	+54.0	90.6	+49.2
Nonresidential & Other	9.0	- 1.7	- 4.5	83.4	- 4.8
Public	4.9	- 9.9	- 1.2	42.4	- 0.7
	Nov.'83	Oct.'83	Nov.'82	11mos.'83	11mos.'82
	(Thousands of Units)				
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED					
Total Private and Public Starts	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
New Private Starts	136.8	-13.8	+25.6	1,594.9	+62.9
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate	1756	+ 6.4	+29.0		
One-Family Housing Starts	80.5	-12.8	+22.0	1,005.5	+64.6
(Proportion of Total Starts)	n.a.			n.a.	
	Oct.'83	Sep.'83	Oct.'82	10mos.'83	10mos.'82
	(Millions of Dollars)				
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED					
All Private Construction	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
New Housing Units	5,927	- 5.3	+46.8	57,660	+75.8
New Nonresidential Structures	3,656	- 2.6	+43.2	29,962	+10.5
Additions and Alterations	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	(Number of Units)				
SHIPMENTS OF MOBILE HOMES	26,800	- 4.3	+31.2	252,800	+23.9



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	----% Change From-----		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Q III 1983	Q II 1983	Q III 1982	9 mos. '83	9 mos. '82
	(Million Board Feet)				
U.S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION					
Total	10,695	- 0.4	+16.6	31,060	+26.6
Softwoods	9,213	- 1.6	+15.1	26,827	+28.3
Hardwoods	1,482	+ 7.3	+27.4	4,233	+16.7

	Nov. 1983	% Change From Oct. 1983	% Change From Nov. 1982
	(Thousands of Employees)		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted)			
All Industries	91,425	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
All Manufacturing Industries	19,174	+ 0.6	+ 5.2
Lumber and Wood Products	714	+ 0.6	+17.4
Furniture and Fixtures	468	+ 0.6	+ 9.6

	Nov. 1983	% Change From Oct. 1983	% Change From Nov. 1982
	(Index: 1967=100)		
PRODUCER PRICES			
All Commodities	305.6	- 0.2	+ 1.8
All Construction Materials	311.9	+ 0.1	+ 8.4
Lumber and Wood Products	306.0	0.0	+22.4
All Lumber	346.0	+ 0.1	+13.4
Softwood Lumber	355.9	- 0.3	+13.6
Douglas Fir Lumber	327.8	- 2.9	+26.1
Southern Pine Lumber	315.9	+ 0.7	+10.9
Other Softwood Lumber	385.9	+ 0.5	+13.6
Hardwood Lumber	298.6	+ 1.2	+12.7
Millwork	308.2	+ 0.4	+10.0
Softwood Plywood	305.5	- 1.1	+ 8.6
Hardwood Plywood	185.9	+ 1.8	+ 6.2
Wood Household Furniture	263.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Pulp, Paper, and Allied Products	302.0	+ 0.5	+ 4.2
Steel Mill Products	359.1	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Aluminum Shapes	318.3	+ 0.6	+ 8.0
Concrete Products	303.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Structural Clay Products	283.4	+ 0.2	+ 7.0

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